MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There is no general complaint. But both the Sanitary Commissioner and the Honorary Adviser, Public Health, have reported about the unsatisfactory registration of vital statistics in the State

(*b*) The subject is engaging the attention of Government.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know what the view of the Government is with regard to the present collection of statistics?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Not quite satisfactory.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), what is the subject that is engaging the attention of Government?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): About the Agency to collect the information.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Have the Sanitary Commissioner and the Honorary Adviser, Public Health, suggested anything?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Rates of land-tax in Quilon and Kottayam.

106. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state the rates of land tax under each class in the taluks of Quilon and Kottayam?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Statements * containing the required information are laid on the table.

List of new offices created from 1106 to 4-4-1108.

107. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of new offices created from 1-1-1106 to 4-4-1108, showing the scale of pay for each and the names of persons appointed to the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) A statement* containing the information relating to the Gazetted staff is laid on the table. As regards the non-gazetted staff, it is not practicable to collect the information in time for placing it before the Council.

Establishment of a Stationary Magistrate's Court at Karukachal.

108. MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the distance between Changanachery and Manimala and whether there is any criminal court between the two places; and

(*b*) whether there was any proposal to establish a Stationary Magistrate's Court at Karukachal?

* *Vide* Appendices II—A and II—B, pages ii and iii

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The distance between Changanachery and Manimala is 19 miles. There is no Criminal Court between these two places; but the Stationary Second Class Magistrate's Court at Ponkunnam is only 11 miles away from Manimala.

(*b*) There was a proposal to establish a Stationary Second Class Magistrate's Court at some station between Kanjirapally and Changanachery with a view to reduce materially the pressure of work in the First Class Magistrates' Courts in those stations. The then District Magistrate, Kottayam, who was referred to in the matter, reported that Karukachal was the only convenient station to establish a Magistrate's Court, and that a Magistrate's Court at the place would only reduce the file of the Kanjirapally First Class Magistrate's Court, but not that of the Changanacherry First Class Magistrate's Court. The District Magistrate was of the opinion that the establishment of two Magistrates' Courts, one at Changanacherry and the other at Kanjirapally, was necessary to relieve the existing congestion of work in the First Class Magistrates' Courts at the two places.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Is there any cartable road from Manimala to Ponkunnam?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think there is a road.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know what became of the proposal to establish a Magistrates Court at Karukachal?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was a proposal, but it was dropped.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Is there any reason for dropping the proposal?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, Government re-adjusted the jurisdiction of almost all the courts in the State. In that connection it was dropped. Government established a Stationary Magistrate's Court at Ponkunnam and invested the Tahsildar of Changanachery with the Second Class Magistrate's powers.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Was there not a Magistrate's court at Ponkunnam long ago?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was one at Kanjirapalli. In re-adjusting the jurisdictions Government found that it was not necessary to establish another court at Karukachal.

Legislative Business.

THE JENMI AND KUDIYAN REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, the next business is the third reading of the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation Amendment Bill. Before I make the motion for the passing of the Bill I want to move certain formal and non-controversial amendments.

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